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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a guy living in San Francisco, who for years and years was promised "faster Internet" by my provider AT&T. Faster Internet was always "right around the corner". But it never came. Instead, the lame DSL Internet connection offered by AT&T was eventually supplanted by the cable Internet offered by Comcast. Then, finally, Sonic came to the rescue with gigabit fiber connections to the Internet. Woohoo!

Now, I have AT&T mobile service, and at the time also had an AT&T landline phone. So, before going with Sonic I had called AT&T to learn whether they would be bringing fiber to my neighborhood any time soon. The answer: they were busy in other neighborhoods. Hah! They were always busy somewhere else and never offering a straight answer about when they would have better service for my neighborhood. And, mind you, I'm in San Francisco. Can you imagine how lame it is to have inferior Internet speeds in the major metropolitan capital of Silicon Valley?

Please don't mess with Sonic's ability to provide the services that AT&T has shown itself unable to deliver. We need competitive alternatives, or AT&T and the like will give us nothing.

Oh, and, by the way. When I switched to Sonic for faster Internet, the price including home phone was barely more than I had been paying for a landline alone. How does that make sense? How is it AT&T is allowed to milk customers of its legacy services while not investing in competitive solutions? If Sonic and Comcast can outperform AT&T, then AT&T should just fail as a business. There's no point in trying to protect their high prices.

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